

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB.

The annual meeting was held January 8, 1924. The secretary's report showed that 10 meetings were held during the year with average attendance of 14.5 continuing the gradual decrease since 1920 when it was 22.5. Two members were elected and the whole number of members is 73. The editor's report showed that volume 30 of *Psyche* just completed contains 235 pages. During the war the number was reduced to 139 pages in 1918 since which there has been a gradual increase. The following officers were elected, President C. T. Brues, Vice President R. Heber Howe, Secretary J. H. Emerton, Treasurer Fred H. Walker, Editor C. T. Brues. Executive Committee A. P. Morse, S. W. Denton, S. M. Dohanian.

Mr. A. P. Morse retiring from the presidency read a paper on *Insect Music in English Literature*.

This meeting being the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Club, J. H. Emerton one of the original members read a paper on its early history which is published in *Psyche* for February 1924. W. L. W. Field followed with an account of the Harris Club which was organized in Boston in 1899 and merged with the Cambridge Club in 1903.

At the meeting of February 12, Mr. C. W. Johnson explained his system of noting localities in New England where insects have been collected. The area is divided into some thirty districts numbered serially beginning at the north. In cataloguing only the numbers are used or where a district has to be divided the number with a letter added.

At the meeting of March 11, Prof. Brues read a paper on certain Phoridae, minute Diptera many of them without wings. Originally found in the tropics, several species of this type have later been discovered in northern localities and on snow in winter. Prof. W. M. Wheeler read a paper on the Bullhorn Acacias which have enormous thorns in pairs at the base of the leaves. Ants perforate these thorns while they are green, eat out the pith and use them as habitations. See *Psyche* April 1924. Mr. J. H.

Emerton showed by maps the distribution of several northern New England Spiders.

At the April meeting Prof. Wheeler read a paper on Dip-terous larvæ, allied to *Microdon*, found in ants' nests in Panama and British Guiana. Mr. Emerton showed lantern photographs of the tracks of insects on sand at the Ipswich sand-dunes. Dr. Smulyan read a paper on the eating caterpillars of the "fall web-worm" by yellow-jacket wasps. See *Psyche* June-August 1924.

At the meeting of May 13 Prof. Brues read a paper on the Insects of the warm springs of Yellowstone Park. Prof. Wheeler showed an ant *Tetramorium guineense* in which the head has all the characters of a male and the rest of the body those of a female. See *Psyche* June-August 1924. Mr. C. W. Johnson read a list of the families of Diptera of New England now amounting to 3170 species.

A special meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday evening May 27, 1924 to meet Mr. E. A. Schwarz now of the National Museum at Washington who was one of the original members of the Club. Refreshments were served and reminiscences of early members discussed.

At the meeting of June 10, 1924 Dr. Joseph Bequaert told about a visit to Honduras to investigate the midges at a station of the United Fruit Co. Dr. Bequaert made observations on the mosquitoes, Tabanidæ and other insects. With this meeting the Club adjourned for the summer.

J. H. EMERTON,  
*Secretary.*